SIDBI's Refinance Scheme for Equipment and Vehicle Leasing

*117. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Small Industrial Development Bank of India has introduced a refinance scheme of Equipment and Vehicle leasing and whether it is being operated through commercial Banks or directly ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has reported that it has no scheme for providing assistance for equipment and vehicle leasing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under its Equipment Refinance Scheme, assistance is provided by SIDBI for acquisition of equipment by existing well run units assisted by State Financial Corporations (SFCs)/State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCs). SIDBI also provides assistance under its refinance scheme for acquisition of vehicles by Small Road Transport Operators (SRTOs) and sales vans by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) approved organisations eligible for interest subsidy by KVIC. Besides, SIDBI extends assistance to the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) by way of a line of credit for its activities which *inter-alia* includes leasing of equipments to Small Scale industrial units. No separate scheme for equipment and vehicle leasing is therefore considered necessary at present.

NTPC's Proposal to Generate Additional Thermal Power during Eighth Plan Period

*118. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether N.T.P.C. propose to generate additional thermal power during the Eighth Plan period ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount to be spent thereon ;

(c) what sources of finance have been identified for this project ;

(d) whether some phases have been drawn for generation of this additional thermal power ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has proposed a capacity addition of 7521 MW to generate additional thermal power during the Eighth Five Year Plan at an estimated outlay of Rs. 20,935 crores. The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

(c) The sources of finance that are being explored by NTPC include multilateral financing agencies or bilateral assistance, internal resources of NTPC, raising of bonds, direct commercial borrowings and budgetary support from the Government.

(d) and (e) the capacity addition programme of NTPC is proposed to be implemented in a phased manner depending upon techno-economic clearance of the projects by Central Electricity Authority, financial tie-up by NTPC and investment approval by Government.

*119. [*Transferred to the 8th May*, 1992].

Provision of Telephone Connections by Department of Telecommunications

*120. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications provided more